

COUNCIL CHAMBERS -- CITY COUNCIL  
CITY HALL -- CITY OF LODI

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1940.

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi was called to order by the Mayor at 8:00 o'clock P.M. on Wednesday, October 2, 1940, Councilmen Bull, Graffigna, Riggs, Weihe and Mayor Steele present, none absent.

The minutes of the last meeting held September 18, 1940 were read, approved as read and so endorsed by the Mayor.

Mr. Herman Diekman representing the Future Farmers of America asked for a statement of the Council as to its policy in regard to the installation of facilities for vending hot dogs and soft drinks at the Lodi Stadium. He stated that the City Engineer, Clinton Henning had estimated that a proper place could be erected on top of the public rest rooms for a cost of about \$400.00 but that the Lodi Chapter of the F.F.A. did not think that a capital outlay of this amount would be justifiable when title to the improvements would eventually go to the City. The matter was ordered referred to the City Engineer with power to act under advise of the City Attorney.

Mr. Jack Carter, President of the Lodi Grape and Wine Festival reported orally on this year's Festival and Mr. Merlin W. Drucquer, Secretary submitted a financial report and tendered a check for \$394.60 representing the five cent charge per person on 7,892 admissions. Mr. Carter asked that some adjustment be made in regard to the electric bill charged the Festival. Mr. J. A. Henning, superintendent of Public Utilities stated that the stadium used 1,410 kilowatts, the carnival 5,440 and the grape exhibit 784 K.W.H. which at the city's regular rate would have cost \$112.82, plus some service charges which would have brought the bill to \$124.32. This matter was taken under consideration by the Council.

Claude Staliarios operating taxicab services in Hanford and Visalia asked the Council for a statement of policy in regard to issuing an additional permit to that one now existing in Lodi for taxicab service. He stated that he proposed to operate on a schedule of a 15¢ fare for one person, plus 5¢ for each additional passenger. It appearing that similar applications in other cities were being considered by the League of California Cities, no action was taken until some report could be had from the League.

A letter was received from Mr. Frank E. Davis, W.P.A. Manager in this District in regard to the coming dedication of Lodi Stadium. Tentatively the Council decided on the date for this dedication to be the evening of November 8, 1940 and the Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Davis and see if this date was acceptable to the W. P. A. and to Mr. Lawson, Director.

Reservation of the stadium for the morning of November 11, 1940 by the Lodi Post No. 22 of the American Legion was approved on motion of Councilman Bull, seconded by Councilman Weihe.

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Reports of the Chief of Police and of the Founder for the month of September were received, read and ordered filed.

A letter was read addressed to the Mayor from the Director of the California Employment Service complimenting the City on the offices furnished to the local branch of that service.

The Financial Report of the Lodi Softball Association for the 1940 season was received, read and ordered filed as was also the quarterly report of the Chief of the Lodi Fire Department. The City Clerk stated that his annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940 was now prepared and he was directed to have the same printed in accordance with law.

The City Clerk reported that the Prentice Taxicab Company had presented and filed with him the insurance policy required by Section 5 of Ordinance No. 268 and that he had then issued a permit to operate to this company.

License applications No. 1198, 1200, and 1201 were ordered referred to the Chief of Police for his recommendation and license application No. 1199 was approved and the Clerk directed to issue a license therefor.

One notification of application for liquor license was received from the State Board of Equalization.

A variance permit was ordered granted to J. W. Griffin on the filing of the proper building permit application for a lumber yard on the San Andreas Highway. This was done on motion of Councilman Bull, seconded by Councilman Weihe.

Bills in the amount of \$31,509.25 as approved by the Finance Committee were allowed and ordered paid on motion of Councilman Graffigna, seconded by Councilman Weihe.

Mr. Charles M. Jones addressed the Council in regard to a proposed lease of the Lind Airport to the City at a nominal rental of \$1.00 per year, the City to lease the port back to Mr. Lind who would operate the same. At the order of the Mayor this matter was referred to the Committee on Streets and Highways.

Councilman Bull addressed the Council in regard to the necessity of traffic signals on Cherokee Lane to control the present high speed of traffic and allow entrance into the lane from side roads, especially from the San Andreas Highway. The Clerk was directed to write the District Engineer, Division of Highways and ask the Department to make a traffic count and its findings be transmitted to the Council.

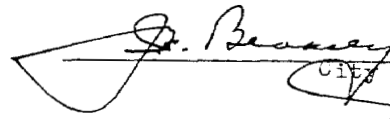
On motion of Councilman Bull, seconded by Councilman Graffigna, Charles Sherman and Bert Wilson were employed as fire truck drivers in the Fire Department at \$150.00 per month each.

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At 10:21 o'clock P.M., the Mayor called the Council into executive session returning to regular session at 10:55 P.M. when on motion of Councilman Riggs, seconded by Councilman Graffigna, the City Attorney was directed to notify the Sanitary City Scavenger Company that in accordance with the terms of its contract with the City, its payment would be increased to \$150.00 per month sixty days from date.

At 10:56 o'clock P.M., the City Council adjourned on motion of Councilman Weihe.

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

The foregoing minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi were read at a subsequent meeting of said Council held on the 16th day of October, 1940 and approved without correction.

  
Mayor.